

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room W140 West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

February 2, 2005

Members Present: Sen. Al Mansell, Co-Chairman
Rep. Craig Buttars, Co-Chairman
Rep. Patrick Painter
Rep. Jackie Biskupski

Members Excused: Sen. Paula Julander
Sen. Dan Eastman
Rep. Jeff Alexander
Rep. Brad Dee

Staff Present: Dr. Andrea Wilko, Fiscal Analyst
Crystal Hermanson, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Buttars called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

Dr. Wilko gave the Analyst's recommendations for DCED Administration and the proposed consolidation of the ethnic offices. She recommended a reallocation of existing revenue to the Ethnic Office to fund the Department direction related to the Ethnic populations.

Yvette Diaz, Director, Department of Community and Economic Development, was introduced and responded to the Analyst's recommendations. She identified a \$10,000 request from the Division of Indian Affairs which was left out of their budget presentation accidentally. She identified here priorities for reallocation of administration funding to the ethnic office.

B. Murphy spoke in support of the consolidation of the ethnic offices and the new direction proposed.

Fautou Solei of the Pacific Islander community spoke in support of the Department plan.

Liz Robles spoke in support of the consolidation of ethnic offices.

Representative Painter made a request that \$50,000 for Custom Fit to be considered for prioritization.

Dr. Paul Rasmussen, and President Albrecht from USU made a presentation related to a request to relocate the agricultural buildings at USU. The request for funding was \$10,000,000 and was sponsored by Rep. Buttars. Mike Brooks and Noel Cockett responded to committee questions.

MOTION: Rep. Painter moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Biskupski absent for the vote

Rep. Buttars adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Sen. Al Mansell, Co-Chair

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